

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

Replace the paragraph, page 3, lines 16-22, with the following:

The poly- α -olefins used in the cosmetic composition according to the invention have already been described. They are mentioned in applicants' German patent application **DE 10152267** and in International patent application **PCT/EP02/11392**. Besides describing the compounds themselves, the documents in question also contain detailed information on their production. Reference is made here to the corresponding applications. These documents are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.